

Remarks

This amendment is filed to correct typographical errors to independent claims 10 and 15 whereby the clause "by adding a predetermined constant value to the previously estimated environmental noise level" was erroneously added to the last paragraph in each of those claims, when in fact the clause should have been added to the end of the "estimation means" paragraph in each of those claims as was done in independent claims 1, 9 and 16.

Given that the amendment to claims 10 and 15 is formal in nature and is meant to correct a clear oversight so that claims 10 and 15 would be recited similarly as allowed claims 1, 9 and 16, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 15 as amended are allowable and that no additional search or examination is required.

The examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter this amendment so that claims 10 and 15 be issued as amended hereinabove.

Respectfully submitted,



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